

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 following the public hearing in the Council Chambers with Council Members, Philip Hanley, Les McFarland, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved with a motion from Member Wattenbarger and seconded by Member Hanley, passed 3-0.

First to appear before the Council was Jim Hartung asking the council to participate in the Sidewalk program this year. Hartung presented 2 bids for sidewalk replacement at his property. The Council awarded the bid to Wayne Hanes Excavating with a cost of \$750.00 to each the Town and Mr. Hartung.

Council President McFarland explained to the public that the Town of Bourbon will be conducting an income survey of our residents in hopes of receiving a grant to help defray the costs of the Comprehensive Plan. He also gave an overview of the Economic Community Luncheon that was held on May 6, 2015. Member Wattenbarger commented on the success of the meeting.

McFarland presented two quotes to the Council for Technology updates to the Council Chamber. One quote was from Ted Fisher in the amount of \$5,200.00 and the other was from Young's TV and Appliance for \$3,328.00. Member Wattenbarger made a motion to accept the quote from Young's TV and Appliance with Hanley seconding the motion and it passed 3-0. McFarland also advised that the Community Work Day was being rescheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> due to rain on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Hanley has been working on getting quotes from several contractors for repairs needed at the Bourbon Park. He will be meeting with another contractor on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger then appeared before the Council and asked for the passage of re-establishing the CCD Rate to .05 per \$100 of net assessed value. Member Wattenbarger motioned to re-establish the rate with Hanley offering the second. Motion passed 3-0. Berger then asked the Council to appoint Jessica Firestone to the Public Library Board. McFarland made the motion to appoint Firestone with Member Hanley seconding the appointment. Firestone's term will run from June 1, 2015 through May 30, 2019.

Berger also informed the Council that Multi-Township EMS is possibly going to merge with Kosciusko Community Hospital. In a recent meeting they assured Berger that there would be no changes to our current service. Berger also stated that iAB Financial Bank notified her that they own a parcel of land located within the Town dumping area in which they pay yearly taxes on. Kim Bates, manager of iAB financial, is looking into having that parcel of land deeded over to the Town of Bourbon.

Junk vehicles and tall grass was a topic of discussion. Berger stated that in the past the several departments that enforce those violations have had some conflicting issues with patrons contacting Council members. She asked the Council for support for those departments to enforce the ordinances as written.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and submitted his monthly report. Martin informed the Council that reserve officers Adam Hudson and Ray Gleason recently graduated from the Reserve Academy. Martin gave an update on the status of the lights for the Hummer. He stated that CopsGear has been really busy and has an upcoming show to attend then they will be getting them installed. He also gave an update on the new Police vehicle and stated that they had just received the trade-in value on the white Charger and that the finance department is suppose to be making contact with Clerk-Treasurer Berger. Martin asked the Council to work with a grant writer at an approximate cost of \$1,250.00 to attempt to get a grant for 16 radios at a cost of approximately \$61,000.00. Fire Chief, Brandon Chapman, asked if it would be possible to include his department in that grant attempt. McFarland motioned and Hanley seconded to grant the request. Martin also informed the Council that he has spoken with INDOT concerning the upcoming repaving of State Road 331 and he stated that INDOT has agreed to make the road "No Passing" when the project is completed.

Roger Terry next appeared and presented his monthly report. Terry presented quotes for repaving of several streets and alleys. The quotes were as follows; E & B Paving for \$35,660.00, Phend and Brown for \$39,425.00 and Niblock for \$31,974.05. Member Wattenbarger motioned to accept Niblock's bid, Hanley seconded it, and the motion passed 3-0. Terry also presented a quote to remove 2 trees in the right-of-way that are in bad shape. The quote from G & B Tree Service in the amount of \$1,550.00 was accepted with a motion from McFarland and seconded by Member Wattenbarger. Motion passed 3-0. Terry also advised the Council that they finished sealing the cracks on Center Street. The cost was approximately \$3,700.00. Depending on his budget, he might want to do more crack sealing in the fall.

Steve Stacy, Utilities Superintendent next appeared and submitted his report. He advised the Council that they are getting ready to lay ductile pipe to provide water service to a new home at the north end of Washington Street. He also advised that they had completed the line boring to the EMS Building drain and also had the water line bored for the new home being construction on Liberty Street. President McFarland brought up a change in pay for Stacy due to the recent job title change. Member Wattenbarger moved to change Stacy's hourly rate to



\$21.50 per hour retro back to May 1, 2015 when he was placed in charge of all the Utilities. Member Hanley seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Member Hanley complimented the Town employees for their efforts after the recent storm.

Member Wattenbarger voiced concerns about all the grass that continues to be mowed into the roadway. He wants residents ticketed if it continues to be a problem.

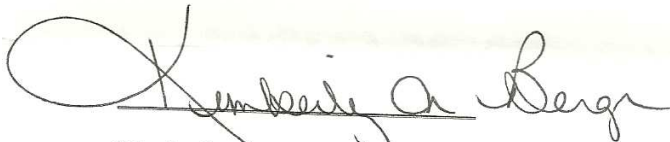
President McFarland asked about response times for the EMS service. He was concerned that it has been taking them a little long to arrive at the scene. Fire Chief, Brandon Chapman, stated that he had not seen any issues with their response time, and, in fact, he has been on scenes where two units arrive. Chapman also informed the Council that Chad Stepp and Tate Chapman recently passed the First Responders class and will be responding to medical calls also. Chapman gave an overview of a meeting he had recently concerning our ISO rating. Currently the Town of Bourbon's rating is a 6 and the Township is a 6+. He also advised the council that it might start being required to flow test the pumpers on a yearly basis. This would effect the ISO rating.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, President



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Bourbon

Public Hearing

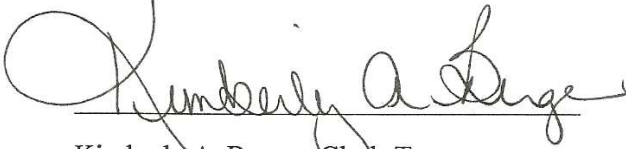
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The Town of Bourbon held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, to discuss re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development rate. Les McFarland, Council President, opened the public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer, Kimberly Berger gave an overview of the CCD fund and told the audience the uses that this money can be used for. Eric Walsh, from Umbaugh, explained the process of the maximum rate of .05 per \$100 of net assessed valuation. He advised that towns should re-establish the rate every 5 to 6 years. Patron Del Veto questioned how much it would add to the tax bills. Walsh stated that a homeowner with a net assessed value of \$75,000.00 would add an additional \$3.50 per year. Being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.



Les McFarland, President

ATTEST:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer